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In re Application of: )  
Eric Gaussier et. al. ) Group Art Unit: 2171  
Application No.: 09/982,236 ) Examiner: Cam Linh Nguyen  
Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
For: Methods, Systems and Articles of )  
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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper. The Amendments to the Claims add no new matter.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.